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In re Application of:)
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For: A METHOD OF DETERMINING TUMOR CHARACTERISTICS BY DETERMINING ABNORMAL COPY NUMBER OR EXPRESSION LEVEL OF LIPID-ASSOCIATED GENES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the specification of the above-identified application as follows: